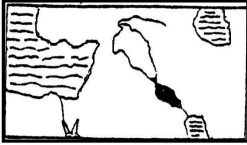


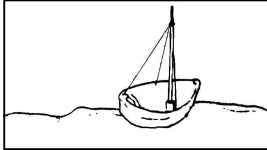
Questions to Ask About a Culture

1. Geography



- Valley between Tigris and Euphrates rivers
- Mesopotamia is Greek for “valley between rivers”
- Weather much as the same as today 40*-winter below 0*
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2. Economics



- Lacked many natural resources
- (timber ,stone, minerals)
- Fertile land for crops
- Traded wit neighbours, transported goods by donkeys, oxen and boats

3. Religion and Philosophy



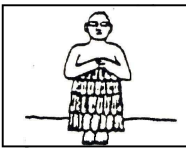
- Believed their land was created by deities
- Believed their deities owned the land and the people
- Believed in supreme god protector called Mushhushu

4. Knowledge, Education, and the Arts



- Language developed in three stages
- 3300 BCE used pictographs
- Combined pictographs to make more complicated
- 2400 BCE developed their own alphabet

5. Political Science



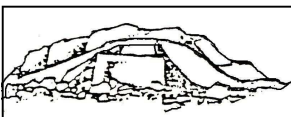
- Settled into city –states (own rules and government)
- Uruk most powerful state
- Strong city-states conquered and controlled weaker government
- First leaders were priests
- Workers were wealthy merchants, priests considered upper class,

6. Sociology



- Poor lived in single roomed dome shaped houses
- Wealthy lived in two storey mansion
- Many slaves used to pay off debt or captured without choice.
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7. History



- Referred to “cradle of civilization”
- First known civilizations found here
- Country followed pattern of settlement and conquest
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